

PRIZE SUGGESTIONS, HOUSEKEEPING HINTS AND SPRING FASHIONS FOR EVERY WOMAN

THE NAGGING HUSBAND By ELLEN ADAIR

How He Spoils Home Happiness

The average man is firmly convinced that nagging is an attribute entirely peculiar to woman. In fact, a great many men are strong in the belief that every daughter of Eve is at heart a born nagger.

"She's only trying to catch a husband," they will say skeptically, "it isn't in the nature of womanhood to be so saccharinely sweet!"

The man who talks in this way is certainly a born nagger himself. And it is quite surprising to realize how many men are born naggers. They themselves would be most surprised of all, if the fact were brought home to them.

The husband who nags is a person growing just a little too prevalent of late years. He doesn't realize how disagreeable he is, of course. If it were pointed out to him, he would probably say that it was a free country, and that surely a man had a right to express his opinion in his own house.

But that is just where the born nagger makes a great mistake. No one has a right to express an opinion if it is going to cause pain and unhappiness to others. The people who are always bragging about the wonderful power of free speech are nearly always selfish and thoughtless.

Another curious fact about the nagging husband is that he is always quite pleasant to outsiders. "What a perfectly charming man Mr. So-and-So is!" is the general verdict. But ah! if outsiders only knew him as his tired, bullied little wife knows him!

PRIZE SUGGESTIONS PRIZES OFFERED DAILY

For the following suggestions sent in by readers of the Evening Ledger prizes of \$1 and 50 cents are awarded.

A prize of \$1 has been awarded to Mrs. S. Jacoby, 2730 George street, Philadelphia, for the following suggestion: A good, serviceable tray for the sick room can be made out of an old picture frame.

A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to H. M. 1433 Tasker street, Philadelphia, for the following suggestion: Any one having a discarded round or square piano stool can use it to good advantage at the sewing machine instead of using a chair.

A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to Anna Green, 203 North 23d street, Camden, N. J., for the following suggestion: Many people blame the needles when they get rusty. Oftentimes it is the flannel leaves in the needlework which cause them to rust.

A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to Mrs. J. E. Bower, 730 North 23d street, Philadelphia, for the following suggestion: I have found the following to be very efficient in preventing rust spots appearing on white clothes when washing them: After the clothes have been put in the boiler to boil I always place a newspaper or plain wrapping paper against the inside of the lid before putting same on the boiler.

The Wife I could have stemmed misfortune's tide, And borne the rich one's sneer, Nor shed a single tear.

The Kids' Chronicle I WAS outside today waiting for sum of the felloes to lum around, and num of them did, and I went in the house and ma was in the parlor talking to sum lady about peeply dying and different things, and I sat there a while listening to them and then I went back in the kitchen and Nora was back there mashing puttatiz with a puttatiz masher, being a wooden wun to hit them with instead of a wood wun to skewer them with, and I stood there watching her, and after a while I sed, "I'm acting just the way you always act," I answered.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A Venturesome Tulip

SEVERAL tulip bulbs were buried last fall deep down in a nice warm bed. Around and under them was rich black earth, over them warm straw and leaves and sometimes even snow. So they felt no cold winds and the ice and sleet that nipped the trees and hedges couldn't reach down to them.

Once in a while during the long winter they wakened and said a word of greeting to each other, but most of the time they simply dozed and rested, getting strength for the quick growth of the spring.

But a day came when the snow melted and the water, warm with the bright sunshine, seeped down through the leaves and straw.

The ground began to get moist and warm, instead of hard and cold, and the tulips began to wake up.

"Good morning," said the one who would some day be yellow, "when will you climb up to the sunshine with me?" "I will some time," said the tulip who would be white, "but I'm not in a hurry. I am very comfortable here."

"Oh ridiculous!" exclaimed the yellow tulip, "I wouldn't be so 'frisky.' Can't you feel the warm sunshine? Don't you know that spring is here?" "Spring may be here all right," said the red tulip, "but a few days' wait will do me no harm and I'm not anxious to freeze my nose!"

"All right," said the yellow tulip, "if you both want to be so careful of yourselves you can just stay down here in the dark. I mean to get up and see something of the world."

Another woman then took up the tale. "I cured my husband entirely of the nagging habit," said she triumphantly. "And I am proud of the fact. You see, it takes two to make a quarrel, although it only takes one to nag. Well, my husband was a regular nagger. He'd nag about everything under the sun—the food, the weather, the rent of the house, the summer vacation, the giving of Christmas presents, the color of the wallpaper, the shade of my new suit.

All the new gowns for formal wear have the square-cut neck with a standing ruff at the back. A very attractive blouse seen recently had a deep V-shaped shoulder yoke of broderie Anglaise over rose chiffon; the rest of the blouse was just plain white voile.

In the Kitchen Oatmeal is the commonest and most abused of all the cereals. Nothing could be more nutritious than oatmeal, as it contains more fat, protein and mineral matter than any of the few starch products.

"Forty Winks" If we only realized the value of the afternoon "40 winks" we should be better in health—and looks. Of course, for the girl in business an afternoon nap is out of the question, but there are thousands of busy housewives who could snatch a few minutes' rest when the hardest part of their day is over.

Love's Kiss Kiss me but once, and in that space supreme My whole dark life shall quiver to an end. Sweet Death shall see my heart and condescendingly send me to rest from troubles many follow.

Soup Secrets Soup cannot be made in a hurry. All remnants of beef, mutton or bacon and pieces of every description should be used to make stock, which is the foundation of all soups.

Oranges as a Beautifier Do you have the juice of an orange for your morning meal? So many people realize the great benefit of oranges as a tonic that the sale of this fruit has increased enormously in the last few years.



LEGHORN, CHIFFON AND ROSES SEEN IN THE SHOPS

Pichus are back again, even on young girls' dresses. The sleeves on the newest spring coats are long and fairly tight, but easy at the shoulder.

If your new spring bonnet is to be fashionable, it will take time to select it. A smartly gowned woman is faultlessly attired from the tip of her chic little hat to the end of her gaitered boot.

Blouses which would ordinarily be rather stiff in appearance, or those with severely plain lines, can be made to match the new styles by the use of a soft satin ribbon.

Don'ts for Mothers Don't forget that the average young maid is laboring for her life. The mother for love or the exception, not for rule.

HEINZ Spaghetti COOKED READY TO SERVE You ought to try this new food. Not merely Spaghetti, but with tomato sauce and cheese added, properly seasoned—a delicious dish requiring only heating.

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A SMART GIRL'S DIARY

New Millinery

We are still having a perfectly delightful time down here, and the weather, of course, is everything that could be desired.

We have got to know a number of interesting people, and made several real friends. The worst part of visiting a place for only two weeks is that by the time one has just become friendly with all one's neighbors it is time to go home again!

My Irish friend is very entertaining. He plays golf magnificently, and is giving me valuable lessons every day. Elinor makes fun of his accent (he has the richest Irish brogue I ever heard in all my life), and she says his hair is the reddest thing she has ever beheld; but he is such a thoroughly nice fellow that one soon gets over these small disadvantages.

Hints for a Spring Costume Here are a few hints for the girl who would look her best at all times. So many girls complain that they are always buying clothes, and yet they never look well.

If you are inclined to be short, don't add any more to the height of the hoops of a barrel, or run, glancing plaids. You can imagine the result—but many women wear them just the same.

Another slight which is frequently seen on the streets today is a woman with a broad, fat face, wearing one of these little round hats tipped rakishly and ridiculously on the front of her forehead.

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